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SUBJECT: SECRETARY' S FOREIGN POLICY REPORT FOR 1972

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF CHILE SECTION OF SECRETARY' S REPORT,
TO BE RELEASED TO THE PUBLIC ON APRIL 19.

BEGIN QUOTE: DESPITE BASIC DIFFERENCES WITH THE
GOVERNMENT THAT ASSUMED POWER IN CHILE IN NOVEMBER
1970, WE HAVE CONSISTENTLY WORKED TO FIND
PRAGMATIC AND MUTUAL SOLUTIONS TO THE PROBLEMS
BETWEEN US.

WE JOINED CHILE' S OTHER MAJOR CREDITORS IN THE
PARIS CLUB IN AN AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE TO
RESCHEDULE ITS FOREIGN DEBT. AS PART OF THAT
AGREEMENT, THE CHILEAN GOVERNMENT PROMISED TO
RECOGNIZE THE VALIDITY OF ALL SUCH DEBTS, TO
GRANT JUST COMPENSATION FOR EXPROPRIATED PROPERTY,
AND TO ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS ON THE PAYMENT OF
COMPENSATION. -

CHILE FELL MORE THAN SIX MONTHS BEHIND IN ITS
REPAYMENT OF CERTAIN A. I. D. LOANS. IN
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ORDER TO MAINTAIN BENEFICIAL CONTACT WITH THE
CHILEAN PEOPLE AND TO SUPPORT OUR PURSUIT OF
REASONABLE SOLUTIONS, THE SECRETARY EXERCISED HIS

AUTHORITY TO WAIVE A PROVISION WHICH WOULD CUT OFF U. S.
ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS IN CHILE. AT THE SAME TIME THE SECRE-
TARY MADE CLEAR THAT THE WAIVER IN NO WAY RELIEVED CHILE
OF ITS LEGAL OR FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS.

AS THE YEAR ENDED, TALKS WITH THE CHILEAN GOVERNMENT WERE
UNDER WAY, AND WE WERE CONTINUING OUR EFFORTS THROUGH
DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS TO PRESS FOR SOLUTIONS TO OUTSTAND-
ING DIFFERENCES, PARTICULARLY REGARDING COMPENSATION
FOR EXPROPRIATED INVESTMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF
THE PARIS CLUB AGREEMENT. END QUOTE.

2. AS OCCASION ARISES YOU MAY FIND IT USEFUL TO NOTE THAT
WHILE WE HAVE FACED FRANKLY THE EXISTENCE OF PROBLEMS,
STRESS IS PLACED ON PURSUIT OF SOLUTIONS. ROGERS

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